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told her that when anyone was hurt so much that the doctors couldn't make her well that God took her up to heaven and made her well. She asked me when he took her and I said I didn't know but probably at night when we were asleep. We thought she was too young to attend the funeral and my answers seemed to satisfy her. The neighbors and the whole town were so good to us and helped in every way they could. To this day mother's P.E.O. Chapter puts flowers on Irma's grave there at Red Cloud in the Blackledge plot.

The Darners came down from Omaha and it was decided that the Darners would take Babs to live with them. That Allan, Babs and I would go back to Omaha with them where we would stay as long as Allan's leave would allow. This was done and Babs was happy with Edna's boys to play with. I stayed with her until she was at home at the Darners and thrilled that Edna was going to be her mother. She was willing for me to leave when I explained that Uncle Bill was waiting for me back in Los Angeles. That he was very lonesome and had no one to get his meals for him. Our careful care of Barbara at this time, and Dorothy's and Allan's care at a later time proved right in helping Babs to develop into a splendid, well balanced personality, a great combination of the best qualities of her mother and dad.

A year later Bill and I stopped to see Allan as we returned- from a summer in Europe. We had a good visit and met many Mends; some of them were attractive women who would have loved to marry Allan. But he was having a difficult time getting over Irma's death.

It was almost six years later when he was given duty in Japan that he met Dorothy Forrant. She was on her way to be a secretary in the American Consulate there. They fell in love and when Allan's tour of duty in Japan was over, they were married and returned home. After several months Barbara went to live with them, again in Annapolis. Dorothy was a very kind and understanding mother to Barbara and in due time, Barbara was happy to have twin babies arrive to be her sisters. When the twins were about one year old, Allan was stationed in Long Beach and we were again able to have visits from Barbara. Dorothy was most cordial to our family and co-operated with us in any way she could. In time they were transferred back to the East Coast where two more children were born, Michael and Peter. Michael followed in his father's footsteps, having graduated from the Naval Academy and is making the Navy his career. Peter, also attended the Naval Academy and now is in business.

During World War Two Allan was Captain of his ship, and was ready to go into Japanese waters when he visited us for two days, in Los Angeles. I took him out to Pasadena to see Dad who was staying with Clayton and Hazel after mother's recent death. He said Dad had a better grasp of the war situation than any civilian he had talked to did. At this time the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and changed the course of the War.

Allan retired from the Navy in 1950, with the rank of Captain. He located in Houston, Texas where Allan invested in the Cameron Iron Works and

retired as Vice President in 1960. Dorothy attended Rice University, something she had always wanted to and graduated with honors. Dorothy had developed heart trouble and died suddenly while (they were on vacation.